

# POLITICS WITHOUT PARTIES

## Evidence informed policy

The concepts of **democracy, accountability and transparency are marvellous and precious**. The United Nations states that ‘democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing’<sup>72</sup>. **These ideals are not broken**. Many of us feel that **what is broken is the way we are attempting to implement them**. What we propose here is an interim measure to **return more power to those who are voting in elections**. This is just a beginning. This is politics without parties:

- **We don't need parties in politics, we only need policy.**
- Our only **policies should be evidence-informed** policy. Where evidence is lacking, we fall back onto the shared concept of **universal rights** of all life on earth, and aspire to uphold those in the best way, agreed in a **transparent process anyone can be involved in**.
- Policies we create can be **co-created by anyone** in a transparent way, using evidence to inform them.
- We don't need a petition to ask permission to do this, **representatives need our permission** to make laws.
- We don't need ‘the media’, **we are the media**.
- We don't need to field candidates, we need just remind them that if they wish to be elected as representatives, they need to **represent us**.
- **Any candidate** can sign up to our principles if they like, they're open source. Any candidate who doesn't will not get our vote. Any candidate who breaks their promise will either be recalled or never voted for again.
- **We are global**. We recognise legal borders as convenient ways of organising bureaucracy, like a county or state line, nothing more than imaginary lines on a shared planet.
- **We are not an organisation** – we are a movement of people with a shared belief in how we can make the world better, by making better collective decisions.

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